

the official record of the proceedings and debates of the United States Congress since 1873. Today, I pay tribute to Dema Guinn for her outstanding service to the State of Nevada.

Mrs. Guinn has served the Nevada community in countless ways including her fundraising campaigns for both the Nevada State Museum and the Keck Mining Museum. Her efforts in bringing Nevada's second statue, Sarah Winnemucca, to Statuary Hall of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. and her renovation of the Governor's Mansion to better reflect Nevada's history were both great successes. While First Lady Dema Guinn has been involved in many projects, her largest contribution has been her continued support of Nevada's health care system. Having lost a cousin to breast cancer in 1995, Mrs. Guinn recognized the hardships and suffering felt by many Nevadans in similar situations. The real tragedy is that Mrs. Guinn's cousin did not have health insurance and never had the chance to have a mammogram performed, which could have staved off this vicious disease. From this devastation, First Lady Dema Guinn was able to found the Mammovan, a traveling health care van that provides free mammograms to uninsured women.

The Mammovan began touring Nevada in January of 2000. During Mrs. Guinn's tenure as First Lady, the Mammovan assisted more than 17,000 women. In 2007, after many successful trips throughout the state visiting rural areas of Nevada, it became necessary to acquire a new van to continue this vital service to our State.

A community partnership was formed with Harrah's Foundation and the Nevada Health Center to help finance a new Mammovan. This improved van will have the ability to help even more women. Mrs. Guinn's many accomplishments during her term have extended far beyond her duties as First Lady. Today, her tireless generosity continues as she works to assist many citizens in our great State. Dema Guinn's endeavors leave behind the legacy of a compassionate woman and a dedicated Nevadan.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Dema Guinn. Her dedication to our community, and specifically the health care system, has impacted countless Nevadans. I applaud her successes and thank her for her dedication to Nevada.

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL HOLSTE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Mr. Daniel Holste, a science teacher at Humboldt High School in Humboldt, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to the youth of Iowa.

For the last 39 years, Mr. Holste has contributed his time to educating and enriching the lives of youths. After graduating from Wartburg College, Mr. Holste began teaching in Alta, Iowa, for 2 years and took a year off for graduate studies at Fisk University. He returned to teaching for 3 years in Eddyville, Iowa, until he took a teaching position at Hum-

boldt High School, where he remained for 34 years until his recent retirement. In the classroom, Mr. Holste has taught numerous courses including Chemistry, Advanced/Organic Chemistry, Physics, Geology/Astronomy, Hydrology and several math courses. Mr. Holste has also sponsored the Junior Engineering Technical Society Tests of Engineering Aptitude in Math and Science (JETS-TEAM), Science Bowl, Knowledge Master Open and the Physics Olympics. In 1990, his team earned the Iowa Physics Olympics Team Grand Championship, and his JETS-TEAM has placed as high as second nationally.

Mr. Holste has also received a number of awards in recent years. In 2006, he was honored with the Outstanding Youth Leadership Award. In 2007 he received the Fort Dodge District Air Force Association Teacher of the Year Award. This year he also earned the ISEA UniServ Unit 10 "Distinguished Service to the Association" Award.

Mr. Holste's leadership will be missed, but he leaves a lasting impact on the Humboldt community and everyone he has been involved with. I consider it an honor to represent Mr. Daniel Holste in the United States Congress, and I wish him and his wife, Jean, a long, happy and healthy retirement as they both continue to serve the community through different projects.

COLONEL LEONARD SCHROEDER HONORED AS FIRST AMERICAN INVADER ON D-DAY

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Retired Colonel Leonard Schroeder of Largo, Florida who I am proud to represent, for being the first American soldier to land at Utah Beach.

During the Invasion of Normandy, Colonel Schroeder led F Company onto Utah Beach as part of the first wave of American infantry at the battle that would turn the war. Commander Schroeder bravely battled for eight hours before being shot and forced to leave the fight.

As part of the first landing, F Company took heavy casualties with half of the members killed or injured before Colonel Schroeder was hit himself.

Colonel Schroeder continued to serve our great nation through World War II earning both a Silver and Bronze Star. He went on to fight in the Korean War and provide logistical support during the Vietnam conflict. Colonel Schroeder retired from the Army in 1971.

Madam Speaker, Colonel Schroeder represents the best our Nation has to offer. He served our Nation in uniform and to protect our freedom and liberty in its darkest days. Please join me in saying thank you to him for his actions and his lifetime of service.

[FROM THE ST. PETERSBURG TIMES, JUNE 6, 2008]

(By Demorris A. Lee)

Leonard Schroeder will never forget watching the sun rise off the coast of France the morning of June 6, 1944.

Schroeder, who was 25 and an Army company commander, spent the night before the

D-day invasion with the 219 soldiers from Company F in small, flat-bottomed boats.

"We were a little nervous, hoping we were going to hit the place we were supposed to hit," said Schroeder, who is now 89 and lives in Largo.

At about 6:30 a.m., Schroeder's company began wading toward shore in waist-high water. He held up his .45-caliber pistol to keep it from getting wet.

Amid a flurry of smoke and gunfire, they stormed Utah Beach. Schroeder is believed to be the first American soldier to step foot on the beach during the battle considered the turning point of World War II.

"We prayed and prayed that everyone got the right signal," said Schroeder, who retired from the Army in 1971 as a colonel.

It's been 64 years since that fateful day. But Schroeder said the images from that morning remain etched in his mind forever.

For the next eight hours, Schroeder led his men in battle. By noon, half of them were either killed or injured.

Relatives thousands of miles away in America were desperate for details.

Schroeder's wife, Margaret, 91, said she received a call from her mother-in-law that morning.

"She said, 'My son and your husband landed safely on the beach,'" Margaret said, laughing. "I thank God over and over that he made it back safely to his family."

During the fight, a machine gun round ripped open Schroeder's left forearm. The next thing he remembers, he was heading to a hospital in England.

"I lost some time after that, and don't remember what happened or how long," Schroeder said. "The decision was whether they could save my arm." Schroeder's forearm still bears the long scar from his five surgeries.

From Glen Burnie, Md., Schroeder graduated from the University of Maryland. After World War II, he went on to fight in the Korean War and worked logistics during Vietnam. He believes he is the only remaining survivor among his college classmates who participated in World II. Two of those classmates died last year.

Schroeder, who earned a Silver Star and a Bronze Star during World War II, now surrounds himself with memories of his Army service. Two ball caps with his unit's name are proudly displayed in his living room. In his office are framed military ribbons and certificates.

The black leather boots Schroeder wore when he landed on Utah Beach are in the garage. There is also a huge poster of him on the front of a French magazine that proclaimed him the first man to land on a beach in Normandy during D-day. He and his wife of 66 years were flown to France in 1984 in honor of D-day's 50th anniversary.

Though he turns 90 on July 16, there's another date that's just as important. "I say that June 6 is my second birthday," he said.

TRIBUTE TO WALTER REEMSTMA

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the retirement of Mr. Walter Reemstma, a science teacher with Algona Community School District in Algona, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to the youth of Iowa.

For the past 41 years, Mr. Reemstma has contributed his time and talents to educating

and enriching the lives of youths. Mr. Reemstma graduated from Sioux Falls College in 1967 and took his first job at Melcher-Dallas. In 1970 he took a science teaching position at O.B. Laing Middle School in Algona, where he remained until his retirement. He actually hated science classes while growing up but began to enjoy science during his senior year high school biology class. During his time as a teacher, he especially enjoyed taking Washington, DC, trips with students. In addition to teaching, Mr. Reemstma is the music director at First Presbyterian Church in Algona and the president of the Water's Edge Nature Center Foundation. In all, Mr. Reemstma has helped shape the lives of thousands of students.

Mr. Reemstma's leadership will be missed, but he leaves a lasting impact on the Algona community and everyone he has been involved with. I consider it an honor to represent Mr. Walter Reemstma in the United States Congress, and I wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE
OF CONNECTING FOSTER YOUTH
TO THE WORKFORCE THROUGH
INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1332, "Recognizing the importance of connecting foster youth to the workforce through internship programs, and encouraging employers to increase employment of former foster youth". First, I would like to thank my distinguished colleague, DENNIS CARDOZA of California, for introducing this important piece of legislation. This resolution will recognize the significance of creating links between foster youth and the workplace through internship opportunities while also urging employers to pursue former foster youth. The creation of internship and employment opportunities for current and former foster youths has the potential to dramatically shape the lives of thousands for the better. I strongly encourage my colleagues to support this act.

There are over 500,000 children and youth in foster care. As the youth age out of the system, 50 percent become homeless within the first 18 months of emancipation. Less than half of these youth are employed 2.5–4 years after leaving the system. Only 38 percent remain employed for over a year. Former foster care youth are twice as likely to have children in foster care. This problem is systemic, yet through opportunities and internships we can break this cycle of impoverishment and failure.

This bill is an appeal to our Nation's employers to help us address this issue by providing internships for disadvantaged foster youth, and by providing employment once they "age-out" of the foster care system. Such action will instill knowledge and work-ethic. These experiences will open up a new world of opportunity to a group that was struggling, not due to a lack of inherent qualifications, but rather due to the misfortunes of their upbringing.

This resolution will express the desire of Congress to address the problems of foster care youth, and this resolution will express Congress' widespread support of partnerships and initiatives between businesses and foster care programs, to help better prepare foster care youth for the working world.

This resolution seeks to benefit the over 500,000 foster care children and youth by providing them with the opportunity to further themselves through educational and work experiences. As these experiences accrue, they will present the foster youth with an idea of the opportunities latent within their world, and will hopefully inspire them to move forward in pursuit of job and educational opportunities.

As of 2003 there were 26,133 children in the Texas foster care system. Since then, the number has only risen. For many of these children the future will include stints in jail, poverty, and homelessness, yet strong action on the part of businesses and foster care programs in creating internships and partnerships may save many from this fate, leading them to secure jobs and successful lives. I have often concerned myself with issues regarding the safety and success of our future, our Nation's children. By preventing toxic lead levels in houses, by ensuring the safety of children in schools, and by encouraging businesses to form partnerships with foster care, we take small, but significant, steps toward guaranteeing the well-being of our children and the security our Nation's future. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

EMPLOYEE VERIFICATION
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID DREIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the extension of the e-verify program, which I have supported since it was initially created under the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. Since that time we have continued our fight to strengthen our immigration laws.

Unfortunately when we had the debate in 1996 my colleagues did not approve an amendment to make our Social Security card counterfeit-proof. Since that time, I have worked with my colleagues in a bi-partisan way to ensure that we improve our employment verification system and Social Security cards so that neither is susceptible to fraud. To achieve this goal I have introduced H.R. 98, the Illegal Immigration Reform and Social Security Protection Act with my colleague from Texas, the distinguished chair of the House Intelligence Committee and former Border Patrol Agent SILVESTRE REYES. This bill would go a long way to address the employment magnet that draws illegal immigrants to the United States.

It is important to note that the bill before us commissions further studies on the e-verify program. We know from a 2005 GAO study on e-verify that the system is still susceptible to fraud and cannot identify when multiple people are using the same Social Security number. The raids conducted of Swift Meatpacking plants in 2006 showed the ease with which

fraudulent Social Security numbers were used to gain unlawful employment. Swift was an e-verify participant and yet was found to have been employing several hundred illegal immigrants.

While I support this measure to extend the program, I hope very much that we can have a more open debate on the need to prevent fraud in our employment verification system. Only when we address the need to improve the security of the Social Security card and employment verification system will we be able crack down on the employment magnet that draws people to this country illegally.

CONGRATULATING ALBANIA AND
CROATIA ON BEING INVITED TO
BEGIN ACCESSION TALKS WITH
THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY
ORGANIZATION

SPEECH OF

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, as we now consider and certainly will adopt House Resolution 1266, congratulating Albania and Croatia on being invited to begin accession talks with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and expressing support for continuing to enlarge the alliance, I would like to express my support for these countries as they move forward.

As Chairman of the Helsinki Commission, I convened a hearing on NATO enlargement in early March, where we examined the respective NATO prospects not only of Albania and Croatia but also of Macedonia, Georgia and Ukraine. While some of these countries must still contend with outstanding issues, whether of their own making or not, I strongly support their NATO aspirations and encourage them to move forward as well.

I am well aware of the many hurdles Albania has faced in recovering from decades of extremely repressive communist rule. Albania has also had to confront an often undeservedly negative image in the rest of Europe. Receiving its invitation at the Bucharest summit in April, therefore, was an amazing achievement of which every Albanian citizen, regardless of their political affiliation, should be proud. It is my hope, however, that the sense of accomplishment will encourage the country's leaders to continue the transition to a state based on democratic norms and the rule of law, especially as Albania prepares for elections next year and continues its investigation of the March tragedy at Gerdec.

Croatia also has had to address many challenges prior to receiving its invitation, although in its case those challenges related to the very violent conflicts associated with Yugoslavia's demise in the 1990s. It was clear that Croatia always had the potential to recover quickly, and it fortunately did just that.

The challenges Albania and Croatia have faced, in my view, will ultimately make them better allies. Their citizens have an appreciation of freedom and a desire for protecting freedom that many living in more established democracies may have lost. And as countries who can recall their dependence on European security structures to help them in their times